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SUMMARY: BEFORE SHIPPING ESV'S TO US. MITI REQUESTS BY JANUARY 7  
MORE FORMAL LETTER FROM DOT REAFFIRMING BASIC RECIPROCITY OF ESV  
PROGRAM AND GUARANTEEING CONFIDENTIALITY OF TECHNICAL INFORMATION.  
ESVS' ETA BALTIMORE FEBRUARY 11. END SUMMARY

1. SHIMO (AUTODIVISION, MITI) TELEPHONED DECEMBER 28 TO SAY THAT  
WORK ON SHIPPING ARRANGEMENTS FOR ESV'S PROCEEDING SMOOTHLY AND  
TO THANKS DR. MANELLA FOR HIS DECEMBER 20 LETTER.

2. SHIMO ADDED, HOWEVER, THAT BEFORE ESV'S CAN BE SHIPPED TO US,  
HIS SUPERIOR, MR. TAICHI SAITO, DIRECTOR, MACHINERY AND INFORMATION  
INDUSTRY BUREAU MITI, NEEDS A LETTER FROM DR. GREGORY, HEAD,  
NHTSA, INCLUDING FOLLOWING FOUR POINTS. (LANGUAGE HERE GIVEN WAS  
DRAFTED BY SCIOFF FOR ILLUSTRATIVE PURPOSES ONLY.)

(A) AS RECIPROCITY IS BASIS OF ESV PROGRAM, I REGRET THAT  
USG CANNOT PROCURE GM AND FORD ESV'S TO SEND TO JAPAN FOR  
TESTING. ALTHOUGH USG CANNOT RECIPROCATATE, WE WOULD STILL LIKE TO  
RECEIVE JAPANESE ESV'S FOR SAFETY TESTING, WHICH WILL BE OF MUTUAL  
ADVANTAGE.

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(B) TESTING TO BE DONE IN AMERICA WILL PROVIDE DATA TO COMPARE WITH THAT DERIVED FROM EUROPEAN TESTING AND WILL ALSO BE COMPLEMENTARY TO THAT DONE IN JAPAN.

(C) WITH REFERENCE TO JAPANESE CONCERN ABOUT PROTECTING THEIR ESV DESIGN INFORMATION, I WISH TO AFFIRM THAT ONLY JAPANESE AND APPROPRIATE USG AND DYNAMIC SCIENCE PERSONNEL WILL HAVE ACCESS TO VEHICLES. IN ADDITION, NO DISMANTLING WILL BE PERFORMED FOR PURPOSE OF SEEKING DESIGN INFORMATION.. (THIS IS IN CONSONANCE WITH ANNEX TO US-JAPAN MOU ONESV'S CONCERNING EXCHANGE OF TECHNICAL INFORMATION, BY WHICH WE INTEND TO ABIDE.) PROCEDURES THAT WERE USED TO PROTECT FORD AND GM DESIGN INFORMATION DURING THEIR TESTING WILL BE IMPLEMENTED FOR JAPANESE ESV'S.

(D) JAPANESE WILL HAVE FINAL WORD ON DISPOSITION OF THEIR CRASHED ESV'S. DOT IS WILLING TO SEND CRASHED ESV'S BACK TO JAPAN.

3. ALTHOUGH BULK OF ABOVE IS CONTAINED IN MANELLA'S LETTER TO SHIMO, SHIMO'S SUPERIORS WANT A MORE FORMAL LETTER TO REAFFIRM PRINCIPLES OF VOLPE-MIYAZAWA MOU. THEY ALSO FEEL THAT GREGORY-SAITO COMMUNICATION WOULD BE THE PROPER LEVEL.

4. MITI WOULD LIKE REPLY BY JANUARY 7. PLEASE CABLE TEXT TO EMBASSY BY COB JANUARY 4 FOR SCIOFF TYPING AND PRESENTATION.

5. CUSTOMS CLEARANCE FOR ESV'S OTHERWISE MOVING SMOOTHLY, BUT ABOVE COMMUNICATION NEEDED TO COMPLETE PROCESS. PER REFTEL (A), NOW ANTICIPATE SHIPMENT BY SS AMERICAN LARK, ETD YOKOHAMA JANUARY 15, ETA BALTIMORE FEBRUARY 11.

6. OTHERWISE, SHIMO STILL WAITING FOR DRAFT TEXTS OF LETTERS TO BE EXCHANGED ON PROCEDURES FOR HANDLING PROPRIETARY INFORMATION PROBLEMS (REFTEL B).  
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